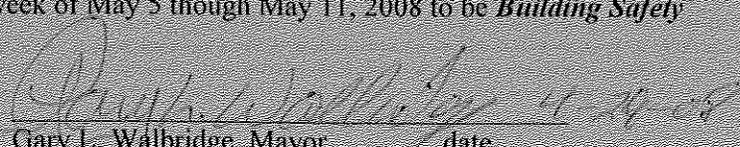


# Proclamation

*of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas*

- WHEREAS: Through our continuing attention to building safer for everyday life and in times of disaster, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and
- WHEREAS: Building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and
- WHEREAS: The dedicated members of the International Code Council®, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and
- WHEREAS: The International Codes®, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS: Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation®, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and
- WHEREAS: The theme, "*Building Safety: Where you Live, Work, and Play*" encourages all Americans to raise our awareness of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; it presents appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe, and that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and;
- WHEREAS: Whereas, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role that they play in public safety, every day and in times of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Walbridge, Mayor of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, with the support of the Baldwin City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 2008 to be *Building Safety Week* in Baldwin City, Kansas.

  
Gary L. Walbridge, Mayor

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